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TOPIC Oranienburg Airfield

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1. Three jet fighters with fuselage step and 16 jet fighters with swept back wings were standing near the hangar and in the center of the landing field at the Oranienburg (W 53/Z 67) airfield on 21 June 1950. * The jet fighters at the hangar were covered with dark brown camouflage which was removed before the planes took off. Flights were made after thirty soldiers swept the runway. The planes took off and landed individually.

2. Sixteen jet planes with noticeably high rudder assembly slanting to the rear were standing in the front of the large hangar on 24 June 1950. Four planes of the same type were in the southeastern corner of the field. The sky was overcast between noon and 3 p.m. and there was no flying. **

3. Four jet fighters were standing at the runway on 30 June 1950. Twelve jet fighters and one single-engine conventional fighter, which was under repair, were near the hangar. * The field was strictly guarded. A high observation tower was recently erected at the Oranienburg Canal. A plane flying high was over the field at 10:20 a.m. The sentry on the tower searched the sky with field glasses and then made a telephone call. Two jet fighters took off from the field at 10:24 a.m. and headed west. They landed at 10:48 a.m. A biplane took off at 11:05 a.m. No more flights were made prior to 4 p.m.

* Comment. The three sources confirm the occupation of the field by MIG-15's and jet planes of type 16. A maximum of 20 jet aircraft has so far been observed at the field. According to observations by various sources the field is occupied by one fighter regiment.

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